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HIGHLIGHTS

- There have been a total of 57 fires reported this year. All fires have been human caused. Total acreage burned is 1,579 acres. There were several spot fires along a hiking trail near the Parks Highway.
- Fire prevention week is May 13 19, 2007.
- A Red Flag warning has been posted for a portion of northern and central interior Alaska for today until 10 PM. For more information: http://fire.ak.blm.gov
- An updated predictive services report has been posted. For more information go to: http://fire.ak.blm.gov
- There were 34 lightning strikes reported on Wednesday and there was little moisture with the strikes. The storms are a little ahead of the normal time period for storms but not that early.
- A prescribed burn is tentatively scheduled for this weekend at Fort Richardson. The burn will be hand ignited and approximately 1,000 acres are scheduled to be ignited. There may be some smoke from the fires that may affect the Anchorage Area.
- A prescribed burn is scheduled for Friday, May 4, 2007 at the Donnelly Training Area located 25 miles west of Delta, AK. The burn will be approximately 5,000 acres and will be aerial ignited. The burn will last from 2-4 days and there may be some smoke effects.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCES

- Alaska Interagency Coordination Center: http://fire.ak.blm.gov
 - o Map of Current Fires: http://fire.ak.blm.gov/predsvcs/maps.php
 - o Situation Report: http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf
- National Fire Situation: http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/sitreprt.pdf
- Creating Defensible Space: http://firewise.org/ and http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/forestry/pdfs/02firewise.pdf

- Department of Transportation (Road Closure Info): (907) 451-2240, http://511.alaska.gov
- Division of Forestry, Burn Permit Info: (907) 451-2626, http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/forestry/fire/
- Department of Environmental Conservation (Smoke Concerns): http://www.dec.state.ak.us/air/am/smoke.htm
- National Parks Service: www.nps.gov/akso/Fire/firehome.htm
- National Weather Service: http://www.nws.noaa.gov/
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife: http://www.fws.gov/fire/
- USDA Forest Service: http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/
- Temporary Flight Restriction Information: http://airspace.nifc.gov/mapping/nifc
- Federal Aviation Administration: http://www.faa.gov